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REF A NPIC 8014, DTG 052141Z, AUG 66

B NPIC 7852, DTG 220222Z, JUL 66

C NPIC 7803, DTG 190113Z, JUL 66

D NPIC 7805, DTG 190207Z, JUL 66

INITIAL SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION [REDACTED]

1966 REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE VINH/DONG HOI RAIL  
LINE IN NORTH VIETNAM.

1. THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CABLE BRIDGE (REF A) AT THE DESTROYED  
XOM KHE RAIL BRIDGE [REDACTED] AT 1758N 10555E NOW APPEARS TO  
HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED ONLY AS A MEANS OF SHUTTLING MATERIAL ACROSS  
THE KHE NET. A SMALL SHUTTLE FLAT CAR IS OBSERVED ON THE EASTERN  
APPROACH. THE RAIL ON BOTH BRIDGE APPROACHES IS NOT CONNECTED TO  
THE MAIN LINE, BUT RATHER, RUNS PARALLEL. MATERIAL IS THEREFORE  
TRANSLOADED FROM THE MAIN LINE TO THE SHUTTLE CAR FOR MOVEMENT ACROSS  
THE BRIDGE THEN TRANSLOADED BACK TO THE MAIN LINE. AN UNIDENTIFIED  
EXCAVATION CONSISTING OF A T-SHAPED HOLE IS LOCATED ON THE WESTERN  
APPROACH OF THE DESTROYED BRIDGE. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON THE  
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY-PASS (REF A).

2. THE TWO EASTERN SPANS OF THE LA KHE THON RAIL BRIDGE (BE  
[REDACTED] AT 1803N 10549E HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY RECENT AIR

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STRIKES. NO ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION IS NOTED ON THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED RAIL BY-PASS (REF B). THE PARTIALLY RECONSTRUCTED HIGHWAY BRIDGE AT UTM WE871976 HAS BEEN APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT DESTROYED.

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3. TWO CABLES WITHOUT DECKING ARE OBSERVED ON THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION (REF C) AT 1810N 10543E ON THE RAIL BY-PASS AROUND THE SERVICEABLE DONG BAI RAIL BRIDGE [REDACTED]

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4. AT LEAST SIX INTERDICTIONS ARE LOCATED ON THE RAIL SPUR WHICH EXTENDS SW FROM THE VINH/DONG HOI RAIL LINE AT 1801N 10552E NEAR ROUTE 15 BETWEEN UTM WE911924 AND WE911921. NO ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO BY-PASS THE CRATERS.

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5. A PROBABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRACE IS OBSERVED FROM ITS VISIBLE NORTHERN TERMINUS AT 1802N 10550E (UTM WE895947) SOUTHEAST, GENERALLY PARALLELING BUT WEST, OF THE ALIGNMENT OF A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TELECOMMUNICATION LINE (REF D) ALONG THE VINH/DONG HOI RAIL LINE TO ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 1800N 10554E (UTM WE953915). POLES (LAYING ON THE GROUND) ARE PERIODICALLY SPACED ALONG THE TRACE; POSSIBLY INDICATING ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION ON THIS LINE.

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MAP REF: UTM COORDINATES FROM AMS SERIES L701 SHEETS 6164I, 6165II,

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6165III & 6165 IV

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES FROM USATC SERIES 200 SHEET 0617-14HL

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